GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Buffer Stock of Pulses
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to setup an entity with the help of State run and private companies to manage the proposed buffer stock of pulses and their procurement, storage and disposal and if so, whether the storage capacities of Food Corporation of India and NAFED at present are adequate to keep stocks of pulses, if so, the details thereof;
(b) if not, whether the Government proposes to construct its own storage units to keep pulses rather than involving private companies, if so, the details thereof;
(c) the total quantum of buffer stock of pulses that the Government has created and the present available stock, variety-wise;
(d) the reasons for unprecedented rise in prices of pulses during the last two months; and
(e) whether many States have sought nearly one lakh tonnes of pulses and if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of pulses released by the Government, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) & (b) : Government has approved engaging professional pulses buffer management entity for efficient management of the buffer stock. Adequate capacity for storage of pulses is available with the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC).

(c) : As on 01.02.2017, around 9.71 lakh tonnes of pulses have been procured and contracted for imports towards building the buffer. The details are at Annexure-I.

(d) : Prices of pulses have not increased during the last two months of the current fiscal.

(e) : No State has asked for one lakh tonnes of pulses from the buffer individually. However, based on the demand received from the States/UTs, as on 01.02.2017, around 50,958.01 tonnes of pulses has been allocated to the States/UTs, of which they have paid for around 37,533.549 tonnes and lifted around 35,454.124 tonnes. The details are at Annexure-II.

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